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SUBJ: TURKISH AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON CRISIS

1. OZDEMIR YIGIT, TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK, LUNCHE
WITH ME AUGUST 15 AND PRESENTED HIS COUNTRY'S CASE ON CYPRUS
ALONG THE LINES WE ALL KNOW. HE ADDED HOWEVER THAT HE
PERSONALLY FEELS STRONGLY THAT ONLY THE RUSSIANS CAN GAIN FROM
THE PRESENT IMPASSE WITH GREECE AND APPLAUDED MY SUGGESTION
THAT ALL NATO AMBASSADORS TO DENMARK MEET AT MY HOME
FOR LUNCH IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS THIS AND OTHER COMMON
PROBLEMS. HE SAID HE HAS A HIGH REGARD FOR HIS GREEK
COLLEAGUE (JOHN PESMAZOGLU) WHOM HE CONSIDERS A FAIR-MINDED
DIPLOMAT.

2. AMBASSADOR YIGIT GIVES HENRY KISSINGER FULL MARKS FOR
TRYING TO BRING PEACE TO THE ISLAND BUT IS HIGHLY
SUSPICIOUS OF BRITAIN'S REINFORCEMENT OF HER FORCES THERE.
HE BELIEVES THAT THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO PRESSURE HIS
GOVERNMENT. HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT FAVOR THE
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RETURN OF MAKARIOS WHOM THE TURKS CONSIDER DEVIOUS AND

NOT TRUSTWORTHY. HE ADDED THAT THE PRESENT HEAD OF STATE
IN CYPRUS, CLERIDES, MIGHT WELL TURN OUT TO BE A FAIR
PRESIDENT FOR THE TROUBLED ISLAND.

3. AMBASSADOR YIGIT EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR CARAMANLIS
AND SAID HE IS EVIDENTLY DOING HIS BEST TO FIND A SOLUTION
FOR CYPRUS CONSISTENT WITH THE POLITICAL TERMS OF REFERENCE
WITHIN WICH HE MUST WORK. HE SAID HE BELIEVED THE RETURN
OF THE GREEK MONARCHY COULD WELL BE A STABILIZING INFLUENCE
IF A MAJORITY OF THE GREEK PEOPLE WANT CONSTANTINE BACK.
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